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THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

OVER A HUNDRED NAMES FOR PRESIDENT OF HOWARD

WILLIAM RICHARDS MENTIONED

Tillman May Try to Defeat W. T. Vernon in the Register Appointment—A Zionite Heard From.—The Twenty-Fifth Tuskegee Anniversary.

Staff Correspondence.

The "still hunt" for a suitable man as the successor of the deposed President Gordon, of Howard University, goes on. The "committee on search" is composed of Judge Barnard, F. H. Smith, Gen. O. O. Howard, John F. Cook and Francis J. Grimke. Mr. Cook and Dr. Grimke are colored. A multitude of names are being suggested, but the members of the committee are keeping their own counsel and religiously adhering to their agreement to express no preferences. There is no intimation given out whether the special committee or the board as a whole leans toward the selection of a white man or a Negro for the headship of this great institution. Tremendous pressure is being brought to bear both ways, but the issue is not likely to be decided until the actual test comes in the balloting on the nominations that may be presented for consideration. Sentiment is largely in favor of a colored man for the presidency, as outlined by the Washington Post, but the whites have an overwhelming majority on the board, and votes are what count when the psychological momen arrives. It can be said with safety if the Negro people want a Negro as president, they had better be lining up their forces with vigor and system, and do some "tall hustling." It is claimed in some quarters that a white man could secure for the university greater material advantages than a Negro, and could maintain better discipline. Whether this is true or not I shall not attempt to discuss here, but the argument is one that must be met and overcome by those who favor a Negro president. Mere sentiment, be it understood, will not win as long as the practical minded ones are able to convince the board that a white man can raise more money for the school than a black man, or that the former can secure a more respectful hearing than the latter at the hands of Congress, when helpful legislation is wanted. With the majority of the board, the question is not so much one of personality or complexion as it is of material advantage. Looking at the situation up one side and down the other, as it were, I am of the opinion that a Negro can do better than a white man, both as to money and discipline, provided the right Negro is selected; and, further, the provoking problems of social equality and all embarrassments growing out of the relations between president and faculty will be eliminated if the head is of the race which most frequently comes in intimate contact in the transaction of the business of the school, and which constitutes the bulk of its "society." The "right Negro" will do the school more good than any white man that could be named. But who and where is that "right Negro?"

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Many laudatory things are being said of the numerous claimants, and the most brilliant educators of the race are being canvassed as to their "availability," as well as with reference to their other kinds of "ability." In Washington "availability" counts for more than it does anywhere else on the continent. With this point particularly in view, the popular trend, at the present time, is very decidedly in the direction of Prof. William Henry Ricnards, the erudite and polished instructor in international law, a seasoned member of the university's faculty. This urgency is in consonance with the theory held by many that the future head of the school should be a man who is already in touch with the institution's personal and financial affairs, and who is unquestionably in sympathy with the aims and ideals that have made Howard the leading institution for the higher education of the Negro youth of the land. In the same breath it is stipulated that while a competent member of the existing faculty ought to be chosen above an outsider, such individual should be one who has not been identified in any way with the troubles that have of late beset the university, and who could therefore take hold without factional embarrassment, assured in advance of the cordial support of the entire faculty and student body, as well as command the respect and confidence of the public at large. Measured by this standard, Professor Richards is the logical choice, and the committee will go along way before it can find another whose "availability" and "acceptability" are so delightfully at par, and who possesses in such a neminent degree the qualities that make for success in this most exacting position.

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Professor Richards is a gentleman and a scholar—aggressive without bombast, firm, without a semblance of tyranny or conceit, urbane in address, yet exhibiting executive capacity of the most positive order. Impartial in his treatment of high and liw, and judicial in temperament upon all occasions, he is well liked by all classes. While holding to certain fixed principles and ideas himself, he is tolerant with those who differ from his way of thinking, conceding to every man the same rights and privileges he assumes for himself. He believes in the possibilities of his race, and is particularly fond of progressive young people. He has done much to assist the young men who have come under his instruction, and scattered throughout the country are numbers of successful lawyers and business factors who freely acknowledge that they were given their start and impulse for a career by Prof. Richards. He was the first colored man to occupy office of mayor of a city south of the Mason's and Dixon's line, and later made an honorable record in the Treasury Department. Besides an ample experience at the bar, he has wielded the tripod in the editorial sanctum, and was easily the most gifted president the famous Bethel Literary and Histirical Society ever had. At Howard University he is a potent force for good, impressing character by his own cultured and exemplary life, emphasizing the dignity and saving conservatism that have made the school the Harvard of the Negro people. In the legal world Professor Richards scored heavily some weeks ago, and his liberality toward the female sex won a tribute from Miss Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood and other advocates of "equal rights." In a notable case he secured the formulation by the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia of the principle that a married woman can be a partner in a joint stock company. The decision was given under the married woman's act of 1896, which for the first time freed the women of the District from the shackles of the common law. To have secured a decision from so learned a court in behalf of woman's right to have an equal opportunity in the commercial and industrial world and equal protection under the laws added greatly to Professor Richards' already enviable standing among the barristers of the nation, and earned for him the everlasting gratitude of the women of the country, white and colored. His manly plea for the civic rights of his people at the monster mass meeting in Washington a fortnight ago entitles him to a place in the limelight where statesmen dwell. He created a sensation by urging that the amendments to the Federal Constitution be enforced to the very letter, even if such enforcement requires all the gunse of our army and navy. Weighing his many valuable qualifications in the scale of the school's varied needs, to my notion the fittest man now under consideration for the presidency of Howard University is Prof. William Henry Richards.

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Up to this writing Senator Burrows, of the subcommittee on finance, has made no report on the charges filed against Dr. W. T. Vernon, the president's nominee for Register of the Treasury. Although the allegations were passed upon by Mr. Roosevelt and pronounced trivial, Tillman sees in them a chance to annoy or perhaps defeat the confirmation of a Negro to an honorable pisition under the government, and insists that the nomination be held up until the matter is thoroughly investigated. No one would offer the slightest objection to this if it were thought that he is inspired by lofty motives—but his despicable conduct in the Crum case is called to mind, and his dirty prejudice is too plain to be disguised by the shallow pretense that he is acting in the interest of public morality. Private advices from Washington convey the intimation that it is not Tillman's purpose to permit Dr. Vernon to meet the charges prompetly—that it is the South Carolianian's intention to delay action as long as possible, with the hope of reaching the end if the session and thus leaving the nomination in the air. He has been quite busy managing the railroad rate bill, and this serves as an excellent excuse for the time being to keep the Vernon case in the committee's pigeonhole. Senatorial courtesy will prevent Senator Burrows or any other colleague from bringing the matter before the body until Tillman announces his readiness to proceed. Should Tillman succeed in delaying action until the adjournment of Congress it is a problem just what the President will do, as the situation is a peculiar one. It would seem natural that Register Lyons would remain in office until a successor is confirmed, as did Frederick Douglass while the Matthews case was being considered, and as did B. K. Bruce during the fight against C. H. J. Taylor. Dr. Vernon's friends may ask an ad interim appointment as an expression of confidence, but it is suggested that this would be unwise, as it would smash al lprecedents, and be unjust to the incumbent, whose record is faultless. When the rate issue is settled we shall see what we shall see.

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Register J. W. Lyons rises to the dignity of the delicate situation by maintaining a discreet silence. As a compensation for the many nerve-racking ordeals he has undergone for the last six months, the stork has just visited the Register's cosy home and left therein a bouncing baby boy—the first heir to the lares and penates of the distinguished Georgian—and he has been christened "Judson W. Lyons, Jr." The future of father and son is of national corcern at this time for obvious reasons. It is given out with some semblance of authority that upon his retirement from office Captain Lyons will resume the practice of law at his old home in Augusta, Ga. From Atlanta comes word that there is nothing in the rumor that he will be opposed for re-election as the Georgia member of the national committee, the Harry Stillwell Edwards episode being but a faint echo of the clamor for the scalp of Collector H. A. Rucker, which, they say, has turned out to be a very insignificant tempest in a teapot. The race wants to see the square thing done by both Vernon and Lyons, and the masses are watching every move on the fascinating political chess board.

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Charles W. Anderson is in imminent danger of becoming known as a politician who takes care of the interests of the race and who never forgets a friend. He has "landed" fully a dozen good Republicans in lucrative positions, and after dictating the Johnson appointment as consul at Puerto Cabello, he returns to State politics long enough to place J. W. Watson, president of the Colored Republican Club of the Eighteenth Assembly District, in the New York Legislature, and have Elzie S. Hoffman, a Gothamite typo, assigned to a monotype machine in the Government Printing Office at Washington by Public Printer Stillings. Mr. Hoffman is the fourth Negro to be given charge of a machine, the others being Messrs. Bryant, Menard and Martin. "Charlie" Anderson is a leader who leads, and he has a following which follows—and the entire race enjoys the usufruct of such intelligent "team work."

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A prominent Zionite, located in Kentucky, commenting upon my summary of the church's probable action relative to the election of bishops, writes as follows:

"Dear Mr. Thompson—I have read with great interest your review of conditions as they now exist in our church, and I think you have sized up the situation with an accuracy that is startling to many of us who did not dream that we were being so closely watched by the outside world. I was particularly impressed with your suggestion that he contest between Drs. Rives and Chambers be adjusted by the election of both as representatives of the heretofore neglected Western conferences. That's just the thing, and I am heartily in favor of it. There is nothing at all unreasonable in the demand of the West for two members of the bench, for there is an abundance of work for them in the vast territory lying between Ohio and the Pacific, and from the Tennessee line northward to the lakes. Look what the Sauth has! Bishops Hood, Harris, Lomax, Clinton and Smith from North Carolina—five from a single State; Alstork, from Alabama, makes the total six, and while Walters and Caldwell were elected from Northern conferences, they are of Southern antecedents, the former hailing from Kentucky and the latter from North Carolina. With the entire bench practically from the South, there is nothing preposterous in the suggestion that two be given to the great and inviting West, which, if five are to be chosen, would still leave three to be divided between the East and the want-everything South. It is a peculiar circumstance, worthy of note, that the two Western claimants are also Southerners, Rives being a North Carolinian and Chambers a Kentuckian."

I give the good brother's communication as a further contribution to an absorbing denominational question, and the people can take it for what it is worth. Since the esteemed Star of Zion has opened its columns to an examination of the timber that is to come before the next General Conference, the contest is beginning to wax fast and furious. Turn on the light!

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It is to be hoped that at the proper time Secretary of War William H. Taft will announce his acceptance of the proffered seat upon the Supreme bench of the United States, and that

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UNDER THE SUN GLASS.

Illegal Representative-- Wonder If He'll Move It Before It Burns Through?

WOULD RAISE TWO MILLION

PROPOSES THAT EVERY NEGRO SHOULD BUILD CAPITAL

THE SPIRIT OF SELF-RELIANCE

Illnois Man Says The Supreme Hour Here For Doing—A Tenebrious Past Will Be The Toil To a Lumious Future We Must Help Tuskegee.

Tuskegee, Ala., March 17.—The officers of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute are making extensive preparations for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 4th, 5th and 6th. Assurances have been received from Mr. Andrew Carnegie, President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard University, Secretary William H. Taft, Mr. Robert C. Ogdon, presfdent of the Southern Education Board, and Hon. Seth Low, former mayor of New York, and many others, saying that they intend being present on that occasion. Mr. Robert C. Ogdon, of New York, president of the Board of Trustees, plans to bring from New York a special train with 112 persons as his guests. The speakers on the occasion are the following: Bishop William Croswell Doane, of Albany, N. Y., who will preach the anniversary sermon on Sunday, April 1st; Dr. M. C. B. Mason, corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the M. E. Church, Cincinnati, O.; Principal Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee Institute; Mr. Robert C. Ogdon, of New York; Judge W. H. Hurt, of Tuskegee; Prof. S. G. Atkins, secretary of the Board of Education, A. M. E. Zion Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Rt. Rev. A. Grant, bishop A. M. E. Church, Kansas City, Kan.; Hon. Seth Low, former mayor of New York; Mr. J. C. Napier, president One Cent Savings Bank, Nashville, Tenn.; President John H. Abercrombie, University of Alabama; Dr. E. C. Morris, president National Baptist Convention, Henela, Ark.; Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook, New York; President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University; Dr. H. B. Frissell, principal of Hampton Institute; Dr. W. Bruce Evans, principal Armstrong Manual Training School, Washington, D. C.; Hon. William H. Taft, Secretary of War; Bishop G. B. Galloway, of the M. E. Church South, Jackson, Miss.; Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard, editor New York Evening Post; Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of New York; besides five graduates of the school, representing various academic and industrial departments. The railroads have granted a one-fare rate plus 25 cents, roud trip, for the celebration.

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But when the final word is said, all allowance made and justice done, Tuskegee Institute is the proudest thing among accomplished facts even in an age and generation famous for strenuous achievement.

The conception, creation and (unconsciously) imperishable monument of overshadowing genius, but with all, simplicity of such matter of course and overmastering sufficiency for the end to be reached; with influence of incidental activities touching the life of the people in almost every point, with almost prescient insight into the nature of the need (we enumerate the Southern Farmers' Conference, the Annual Tuskegee Conference, the National Negro Business League, etc., mere incidentals themselves sufficient ground for greatness) with inherent promise of almost unlimited capacity for expansion and power to meet the needs of the coming years; it is fast becoming the index and measure of the potential possibilities of the ten millions of people who constitute the Negro population of the United States. And not only so, but by its commanding and authoritative position, not only in the home, but the world-wide scheme of industrial education; by giving evidence where evidence alone was available and demonstration where demonstration alone could be

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BY "DOROTHY."

This column is devoted to the interests of women Address all communications to the Woman's Department, The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

CARES THAT KILL.

Our failures do not keep us down,
We rise above them and forget;
We turn from the little troubles too.
And wonder why they made us fret.
But still we let ourselves be bowed.
Still after morning long we fall
The foolish blinded victims of
The cares that never came at all.

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Jennie Rose, of Cairo, Ill, sent a present to Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth. It was a loving cup, with two white doves on each side. The doves are standing with their beaks in the cup and in their beaks is a small American flag. Inside of the cup was a valentine with the name of the giver "Jennie Rose" written upon it. Mrs Rose has a reputation for her trained dogs She is about seventy-nine years old and a devout believer in spiritualism.

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Most shoe retailers today are abandoning the method marking women's shoes in the French sizes. They are acting on the theory that most women can bear and ought to know the exact size of their feet.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

Miss Olive Harris and Miss Neda McDonald are ill.—Rev Carter of the Shiloh Baptist church delivered an interesting sermon last Sunday afternoon.—The Alice Roosevelt lunch at Miss White's last Tuesday was well attended—Miss Emma Allison has gone to Syracuse, Buffalo and Detroit—Mrs William Call has gone to Atlantic City for her health—The reception to Rev Patterson, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist church was well attended and elegant supper was served.

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Miss Grannis' Decision

By A. M. DAVIES OGDEN

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It is so fatally easy for a misunderstanding to arise.

Johnson, galloping swiftly through the long lane of overarching June green, was musing somewhat bitterly upon this fact. It was over a month now since he had seen Helen Grannis, a month which had done a great deal toward quickening a spark hitherto not entirely recognized into a vivid flame. He had tried to see her, but unsuccessfully, and now his thoughts were brooding, as so often before, over that last unfortunate meeting. Was he to blame or she? Yet how could the fault be his?

Once again he went back mentally to the beginning—that day when he had telegraphed to ask if she would ride. They had often spoken of so doing, and this had been his first opportunity. The answer had been that she would be at the club at 4 o'clock. Johnson, promptness itself, cantered over from the stable at 4 precisely. There he waited. He waited until half after 4; he waited until a quarter of 5. There was no sign of Miss Grannis. At last reluctantly he rode toward the park, wondering what could have happened. The first person he met, walking her horse slowly down the main drive in the direction of the gate, was the girl herself, and with her, talking eagerly, was Ransome Sinclair, the man of all others whom Johnson most detested.

For a moment Johnson had stared, really incredulous, unable to trust his eyes.

Then, with a formal lifting of his hat, he was past, the dark red mounting to his cheek and rage in his soul. Had she forgotten the engagement, or had she deliberately thrown him over for Sinclair—Sinclair with his millions, who could give her everything?

In the sudden blackness revealed by the flash of jealousy Johnson realized for the first time how much this slender, dainty girl, with her pretty little air of stateliness, meant to him.

He had hardly gone a mile before the impulse which had made him bow and pass on looked the height of ridiculousness. Of course there was some mistake. Why had he not stopped and asked? But, although he turned at once, it was too late; the two had vanished.

He had telephoned that night. Miss Grannis was out for dinner. He had called the next afternoon. Miss Grannis was not at home. He could not write, for there was nothing to say. One could not ask a lady why she had chosen to ride with another. The week after, when he tried calling once more, the house was closed. He found that the family had departed for their country place.

Johnson was in despair, but it was not entirely a bad thing for him; it taught him a lot.

As he turned in now at the Newlands place and dropped off his horse some one moving down by the tennis court suddenly brought his heart into his mouth. Could it be she? He knew that Miss Grannis and Ida Newlands were great friends. Was it possible she might be stopping here for a week end? With tingling pulses he went forward. It was—it was! And he might never have known! Somehow he managed to answer properly the greetings of Ida and the men grouped about, then he turned to Miss Grannis.

He was unreasonable enough to be disappointed when the girl gave him merely a conventional smile. He felt that he was the one with the right to be angry. Ida Newlands looked sharply at them both. She knew Helen Grannis well enough to divine that something had occurred.

Now, as she saw Johnson, after a moment, turn aside, her nimble wit leaped to a sudden guess at the truth. And as she caught Johnson's flush as Sinclair came across the lawn her conviction deepened. But what could be done? In this last month Sinclair had been pushing his advantage hard. She knew that Helen was wavering. Ida did not fancy Sinclair; it was her brother who had asked him today. And she did like Johnson. With a swift inspiration she jumped to her feet.

"Let's have some tennis!" she exclaimed. "Helen, I will challenge you and Mr. Johnson to try to beat Mr. Sinclair and myself. Here's your racket," pretending not to see the girl's reluctance. It was the only way she could think of to bring them together.

Johnson could put up a strong game. He was tall, with long legs and arms that seemed to cover every corner of the court. And Helen had a clean, telling stroke. Sinclair, however, was no mean adversary. They would have to play up. But Johnson was not thinking of tennis. This was his chance. He must make the most of it before she joined that chattering group. As he brought the balls to Miss Grannis for her service he looked down at her for a moment.

"Why did you not come to the club that day?" he asked abruptly. "I waited and waited"—

"Waited!" echoed the girl. "Why"—

"Ready!" interrupted Sinclair, and Helen flashed a ball over the net. Johnson, his heart beginning to beat fast, tightened the grip on his racket. There had been surprise, unmistakable surprise, in Helen's eyes.

"Did you not expect me to meet you at the club?" he demanded as they changed courts.

"You lost that point," was the impatient response. "No, of course not. I always mount at the park entrance."

"But the maid said"— persisted Johnson.

"Then the maid was mistaken. Ah, be careful," as he nearly missed a returned ball.

A strange desire not to be beaten had suddenly sprung, to life in her breast. They must win this set, she and Johnson. They must not be beaten by Sinclair. She looked across the net at his red, rather heavy face. Could she marry him? Her family had hoped for it. He was a splendid match, of course—and yet—what did Harry Johnson mean by asking why she had not come to the club? She had told the maid to say that she would be at the park entrance and then to telephone the club for her horse.

"Waited there an hour," said Johnson. "And then to meet you coming out of the park—with another man! What could I think?"

"Ah!" said the girl, with a quick indrawn breath. Couldn't he have known that she was only walking her horse up and down while she waited? The meeting with Sinclair had been pure chance. She, too, had waited, growing more and more annoyed with the awkward position in which she found herself; annoyed also by Sinclair's veiled remarks upon Johnson's tardiness, his polite wonder, and then to have Johnson appear, raise his hat and pass on! The girl bit her lip again at the memory.

Then suddenly as she caught the look in his eager, earnest eyes her own softened. After all, he had a bad time too. And all through that stupid Marie's having the messages confused. With an impulsive gesture she turned.

"Do play!" she exclaimed. "We must get this set."

Sinclair, rather sulky at being forced to play on a hot afternoon, had hitherto not chosen to exert himself, letting the games go to his adversaries, but now he was beginning to be interested. If they were to win, Johnson must concentrate. And Johnson, all at once inspired by something in the girl's manner, straightened himself. The other side should not win a single game. Love three, love four! Sinclair, subtly aware of an unwonted tension in the air, strove his utmost, unavailingly. Johnson, his mouth shut hard, played as though muscled with steel. Love five! Helen was breathless, her lips parted. Love six! Set!

With a great sigh, Johnson faced her.

"We've won!" he whispered exultingly, just loud enough for her to hear.

Helen, her eyes unfathomable, glanced for a moment across at Sinclair—Sinclair with his millions. Then, the sweetest, tenderest smile curving her mobile mouth, she lifted her face to Johnson.

"Yes," she said softly; "a love match."

Mines of Mammoth Bones.

At some time in the distant past a remarkable state of affairs existed in what are now the bleak arctic region of Siberia. At the time of which we speak the climate must have been comparatively mild, for thousands and hundreds of thousands of huge animals, mostly of the elephant type roamed up and down the valleys of what are now frozen polar rivers. In the midst of their innocent happiness a sudden and awful change came Some philosophers say that the earth "fell out of balance" and tilted thousands of miles to the north. Whatever the cause, fierce winter almost instantly swept over the land of the mastodon and the mammoth and overwhelmed the great beasts in huge snowdrifts, from which they could not extricate themselves. In the course of time these huge banks of snow were transformed into great mountains of ice, and today specimens of the great hairy mammoth may be found that are as fresh as when they were frozen in, thousands of years ago. In some places along the Lena river the bluffs are perfect mines of mammoth bones.

The good St. Anthony owes scarcely more of his fame, probably, to his temptations than to the association of his name in popular speech with a disease. Erysipelas, known as the "sacred fire" before the eleventh century, owes its later name of "St. Anthony's fire" to the tradition that those who invoked the saint during a terrible epidemic of that time were cured. A complete list of complaints thus linked with the names of saints would be very curious. Neuralgia in the jaw is St. Apollonia's disease, sore throat or quinsy St. Blase's, colic St. Erasmus', cancer St. Giles' and hydrophobia St. Hubert's. Epilepsy is either St. Aventin's disease or St. Mathurin's or St. John's evil. Insanity is St. Dymphna's disease and drunkenness St. Martin's evil.—London Chronicle.

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Gilmer, Texas, Jan. 15, 906

Dear Madame—I take great pleasure to write you to let you know of your work My daughter has returned home, and I can't praise you too much for your kindness. Now just as soon as I can I am going to send you some money. I am in a feeble state right now, also have no work to do, but will pay you as soon as I can. Nothing more. Yours) Mrs. M. J.

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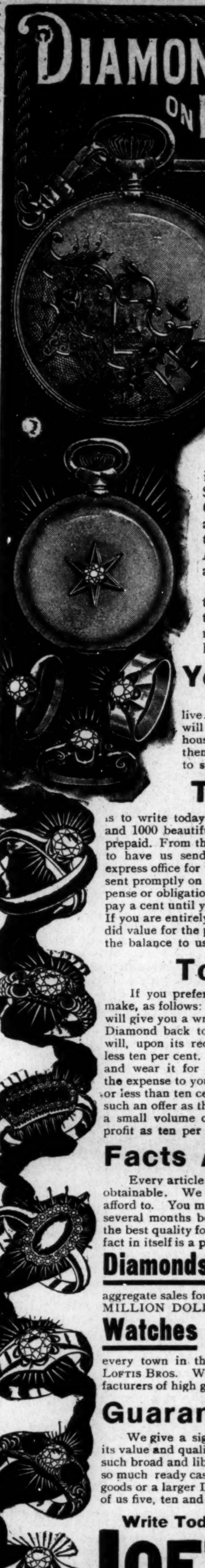

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DIVORCE LEGAL.

Susan Sanborn vs Charles Sanborn } State of Indiana, Marion Co., ss: in the Superior Court of Marion county In the State of Indiana. No. 70973 Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 7th day of March 1906 the above named plaintiff, by her attorney, filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court of Marion county, in the State of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant Charles Sanborn and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant Charles Sanborn is not a resident of the State of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above namded defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 7th day of May, 1906.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said court said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 7th day of May, 1906, the same being the first judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in May 1906 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in his absence.

WM E. DAVIS, Clerk.

M; B. GOODING, Attorney for Plaintiff.

WHAT THE FREEMAN WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Is Bishop Handy "the man behind the gun?

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Isn't "The Clansman" as a sensation producer about "all in?"

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Where does the Negro come in on the the legislaation business?

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Are we up against another installment of the roller-skating mania?

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If there isn't still a bright political future for the Hon. J. W. Lyons?

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Do parents "run" their children nowadays or do the children "run" their parents?

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Is the Boston Guardian the New England edition of the Alexandria Home News?

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Wouldn't Fairbanks and Root against Bryan and Hearst give us a "bang-up" campaign for 1908?

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Are you planning to attend the 25th anniversary celebration at Tuskegee Institute April 4 5 and 6?

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If trying to be a "good fellow" and a business man at the same time hasn't swamped many a promising career?

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Isn't a startling fact that almost every one of the "northern men" appointed by the President were born in the southland?

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Why cannot the General Conference of the Zion Church give the West two bishops in 1908, electing both Chambers and Rives?

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Why not call in a squad of missionaries from Timbuctoo, Sulu and Borneo and order them to "get busy" at Springfield, Ohio.

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Hasn't Grand Director W. L. Houston a shade the best of it in the heated contest for Grand Master of the G. U. O. of O. F.?

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What does Henry Y. Arnett think of the situation? Ditto, Rev. J. M. Henderson, Rev. J. A. Jones and Dr. Reverdy C. Ransom?

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Does the Christian Recorder think it does itself and the great A. M. E. Church justice by "standing pat" on the Graham revelations?

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How many times must the Wizzard of Tuskegee capture the city of Washington before his premiership is acknowledged by the "insurgents?"

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Has any A. M. E. minister ever refused to accept the hospitality of Dr. E. W. Lampton's "free hotel" at Washington?

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Wouldn't the union of the A. M. E., the C. M. E., the A M E. Zion and the colored annex of the M. E. church proper, be a big thing for Negro civilization?

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What is the nature of those charges Senator Tillman is holding over the head of Dr. W. T. Vernon, the President's nominee for register of the treasury?

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Did Editor W. D. Johnson observe what Brother John P. Green said about the "bad Kentucky Negroes" whom he charges with having started the Springfield riots?

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How would Drs. G. L. Blackwell, R. S. Rives, A J. Warner, W. H. Chambers and B. F Wheeler measure up as Zion's "Big V" in the bishopric handicap for 1908?

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Isn't Smoot's presence in the United States Senate far less objectionable to clear-minded people than that of the boorish Tillman?

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Is the alleged candidacy of Dr. J. B. Colbert for the bishopric nothing more than a smooth scheme to side-track our friend Dr. Chambers, also of the Missouri Conference?

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Will the American Missionary Association please send a car load of workers over to Springfield, Ohio, and try to do some civilizing among the natives of the jungles there?

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If Rev. S. Timothy Tice isn't of the opinion that trying to stay in the ministry and politics at one and the same time isn't a striking illustration of what General Sherman said war was?

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Is it true that the Rev. J. Albert Johnson is incubating a rejoinder to the witticisms the press gang has cracked at his expense because of his humorous candidacy for the bishopric?

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After all hadn't the A. M. E. General Conference better reconsider the Norfolk selection and go to Washington, where there are at least no jim crow street cars to vex the refined visitor?

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Is the Boston Guardian now convinced that Dr. Booker T. Washington is a registered voter, and will it have the manhood to acknowledge that its report to the contrary was a mistake?

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Won't the cordial reception of the National Afro-American Council by the southerners at Charlotte, N. C., be a latter day exemplification of the fact that the lion and the lamb can lie down together?

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Isn't it about time for the Hon. Harry S. Cummings to make another swift "kike" to the white house to remind President Roosevelt that some matters of importance to Maryland are being overlooked?

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Has it ever occurred to the festive Washingtonians that Professors W. H. Richards, L. M. Hershaw, W. H. H. Hart and Lawyer Thomas L. Jones have not been tendered a testimonial banquet as yet?

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What difference does it make to the students of the State University at Louisville, Ky., whether President-elect Ford is a "pedo-Baptist," a foot-washing Baptist or one of the genuine, old-fashioned hard shell variety?

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Will Chairman Shonts appoint J. Milton Turner "foreman-general of diggers of the Panama canal," in case the proposition of the distinguished Missourian to furnish Negro labor is accepted by the canal commission?

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Why should a Negro belong to the expensive typographical union in the "open shop" government printing office at Washington, D. C, when his working card outside of Uncle Sam's employ isn't worth the paper it is printed on?

POLITICAL NOTES

For Assessor of Marion county Albert A. Womack, Subject to decision of Republican convention.

For Sherriff of Marion county Ed G. Sourbier, subject to the decision of the Republican convention.

Fred C. Gardner, candidate for treasurer of Marion county, subject to the Republican Nominating convention.

For Clerk of Marion County, Leonard M. Quill, Subject to decision of Republican Nominating Convention, March 31.

For Surveyor of Marion County, Henry W. Klausman, Subject to decision of Nominating Conventien, March 31.

Charles W. Mosby announces his candidacy for Justice of Peace; Subject to the Republican Township Convention, April 21.

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CONGO APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT.

Whereas, the Congo Free State, so-called, is the field of indescribable horror and the scene of unutterable human misery; and,

Whereas, this misery and horror is being inflicted upon a weaker people through the greed and malice of a stronger; and

Whereas, the government of the United States was a party to the international agreement under which the Congo Free State was established it cannot evade the responsibility for the subsequent fate of those who were forced to exchange the relative amenities of barbarism for the atrocities of so-called civilization, and is, under the law of partnership, responsible for slavery, mutilation, outrage and murder,

Therdfore, we, as American citizens, ask of our government, through our president, house of represenatives, and our senate, that we be no longer disgraced by complicity in an abhorrent crime which we believe can be stopped by a mere offer to co-operate with decent people and decent rulers, and which ought to be stopped with or without such co-operation.

A copy of the resolutions was ordered sent to the president, the house of representatives, and the senate of the United States. The committee was composed of William Kent, Dr. G. F. Shears and Mrs. J. W. Hiner.

The Chicago Tribune of February 26 contains the reply of Secretary Root to this appeal issued at the suggestion of Jenkin Lloyd Jones, pastor of All Souls Church. Secretary Root takes the ground that since this country has no possessions in Africa we have no right to interfere. It is admitted that "We are parties to a general act for the suppression of the slave trade and the regulation of firearms and the liquor traffic in central Africa." It seems to us that the secretary reveals the moral weakness of our own government's position and the embarrassment that would attend any attempt on the part of this country's interference with conditions there when he says:

"If the United States had happened to possess in darkest Africa a territory five times as large as the Philippines, we, too, might find good government difficult, and come in for our share of just or unjust criticism."

As a matter of fact this country is in no position to interfere in the barbarous practices going on in the Congo Free State—and why? For the plain and simple reason that we have already made and are continuing to make a record in the Philippines of which we should be thoroughly ashamed. We do not believe that good government any where makes this inhumanity at all necessary. The trouble is that all of these Christian nations in alien lands are not there for the good of the natives. If there can be an instance found where one of these nations has gone to another country for the good of the people, you will find them welcomed, and you will find peace. The going is not prompted by the spirit of helpfulness. The promptings are those of greed for gain, and to make the job pay well, it is necessary to resort to violence, for few people can be found who are willing to quietly submit to all the demands of the dollar hunting Caucasian.

We do not understand that these resolutions contemplated the use of force. But we are in no position to inquire into this matter because "we are sinners, all." We must, therefore, stand with our own hands wet with blood and let the maiming and killing go on, for we are in the business, too.

PARKER AGAIN.

Not as a presidential candidate, but as an advisor and a prophet he now speaks. From Charlotte, N. C., he makes the statement that the South should now assume the leadership of the Democracy. He says we have tried Nebraska and New York, and these will not do. The next logical step is for the South to take the lead.

What Mr. Parker does not seem to understand is that the country is through with this kind of democracy. The people were frightened, coerced and bought in the campaign of 1896 and 1900. The people, without being frightened or bought, showed Mr. Parker that they wanted none of him. What the people want, and what they are going to have, is genuine reform in governmental policies and in the administration of governmental affairs. This is why Theodore Roosevelt has grown so in the last few years. They believe he is trying to stem the tide of plutocracy in our government. They have the faith to believe he means what he says, and that he is trying to suppress the spirit for public plunder. Yet, while he is doing this the National Senate stands arrayed against him. Unless the Republicans of the country harken to the voice of Theodore Roosevelt and make substantial gains along the lines of needed reforms a democrat will be called upon to do tho work, and he won t be of the Parker brand either. In this work they have no time to waste in quarelling among themselves, for Mr. Bryan is not dead—he is not even asleep. He is a bigger man to-day than ever before. Keep your eye on Bryan.

IT TELLS TOO MUCH.

"The colored boys are numerous and should be separated as much as possible. God saw fit to make them different in many ways and we should respect His handiwork. To emphasize this need we have only to know that a white boy and a colored boy formed an attachment while in prison, which continued after their release. The sister of the white boy could see no reason why her brother's associate should not be her's. It requires no trained eye to see what the result might be."

The above clipping from a report made by the visiting committee of the Local Council of Women we think tells more than was intended to be told. Of course it was not given out for the benefit of the colored people. They were not so much as thought of; much less was it thought that any of them would read it, and read between the lines, too. This committee had visited the Boy's Reform School, and this is one of the items in the report submitted.

Our first surprise is that such a recommendation should have been made by the women who composed this committee, for they are women of high standing, some of them being wives of men who are known in this country and Europe. We have been accustomed to rely on such women for expressions of broad-mindedness, instead of the kind that might come from those farther down the scale. The other surprise is that they should admit that contact between colored boys and white girls might bring results such as "requires no trained eye to see." Why, we were under the impression that these people held the ground that the thoughts, feelings and sentiments of the two races were so radically different that there could be no possible danger to come from a mere acquaintance. After all of the studied efforts to frighten, scare and intimidate by all forms of misrepresentation, and this, too, instilled into the very babies in the cradle, is there the lurking fear that the children may learn that they were being mistaught and lied to? No, we do not believe there is any danger in the remote possibilities they have scented. We do believe, however, that these women who seem to be seeking the good of humanity, are wasting golden opportunities for doing a positive and certain good to the very girls whom they fear may fall in love with some colored boy with whom their brothers have been associated while in a reform school. Instead of chasing such phantoms, let these women rise early on some morning and watch the procession of poorly fed, poorly clothed and poorly housed white slave girls being made by the unjust industrial system off of which the husbands of this committee are fattened. Let this committee follow them through their week of toil, into the factories and shops and into their houses, and examine the pay envelope at the end of the week. If they will do this we assure them they can find a field for doing more good than can come from the separation of boy criminals. But it is ever thus. We seek to do a good, and wander among a multitude of wrongs while seeing them not.

DR. PARKHURST CRITICIZES THE PRESIDENT.

Dr. Parkhurst of New York made a severe criticism of the conduct of America in the Philippine, and of the President's recent message of congratulation to Gen. Wood for his having killed six hundred men, women and children. We have never had one ounce of sympathy for the barbarous doctrine of "Walk easy and carry a big stick," nor do we subscribe to the belief that "A soldier should be not only willing to fight, but anxious to fight."

It is a sad commentary on this alleged "Christian Civilization" that such things should be treated so lightly as to cause little or no comment. There are, however, a few who will not be silent in the face of such unchristian conduct and Dr. Parkhurst is one of them. He says:

"Consider," he said, "the easy and self-satisfied way in which we regard the mowing down of the savage and semi-savage in the Philippine Islands when they stand in the way of the national purpose of which after eight years of 'benevolent assimilation' we have just had a most startling and heartrending example in the bombarding to death of 600 men, women and children, collected in a crater in the Moro Islands.

"There are two things to be said about the jubilant congratulations sent by the Chief Executive to General Wood. The first is in reference to the designation of the performance as a 'brilliant feat of arms.' Basing our estimate on the reports rendered by General Wood, it was no more a 'brilliant feat of arms' than smoking bees out of a hive or rats out of a nest.

"But a far sadder feature of the executive communication to General Wood is that it contained not one word of sympathy, not a note of tender distress, in view of the indiscriminate slaughter perpetrated 'in honor of the American flag.' We have been taught to believe, and we like to believe, that the President has a great heart.

"And so I prefer to think of that cablegram, composed as it was in the presence practically of mangled men, torn women, armless and headless children—I prefer to think of it not as being the expression of the man Roosevelt, but of the President Roosevelt, in whom officially the heartlessness and the greed of unregenerate nationality is functionally represented. I want to find a way out for Roosevelt, for the performance on the Jolo Island has a ghastly look and the cablegram matched it.

"With the exception of the maintenance in the South of Negro slavery there has been, I should say, nothing sadder in our history than the national attitude in which we to-day stand as toward the little brown people of the Philippine Islands."

THAT DENIAL.

Bishop Turner sends us a letter in which he encloses a clipping from the Atlanta Constitution in which he replies to the statements that he called the flag a dirty rag. It is one of those cases where a press dispatch does an injury that cannot be righted by a denial. The bishop is anxious that it be understood that he makes no denial of what he said. He only denies that he said what some one has said that he said. He insists that "the colored man is not a citizen of this country; that there is not a star in the flag to which he can lay claim; that in spite of the fact that he has, time and again fought for the flat that it gives his manhood no more protection than if it was a dirty rag but allows the race to be jim crowed, shot, burnt, skinned a ive and treated like ferocious bruits without any trial or the farce of a trial. This is what he reasserts and is unwilling to deny."

Now, those who think that Bishop Turner has misstated the case, please rise and stand until counted,

THE MOB INDUSTRY.

A Negro hung in Louisiana for killing a cow; in Chattanooga a mob composed of "the better class of citizens" took another colored man from the jail and lynched him because the U. S. Supreme Court had granted him a stay of execution. We have no words with which to express our disgust and indignation of such conduct on the part of these colorless sava es. The next thing we may hear is that "our best citizens" to the number of one hundred conducted the lynching; that they wore Prince Albert coats, plug hats and were headed by a brass band.

Nothing so well expresses our feelings when we read of these things than the feelings of the old woman when she saw some hogs tramping over the white, new-washed clothes she had spread upon the grass. With hands on hips looked a moment—heaved a deep sigh, and remarked: "God knew what he was doing when he named them hogs!"

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation, artistically made, to be present at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Tuskegee. It will make no difference to Tuskegee whether the editor is present or absent, but it will make a big difference to him. Unless our plans miscarry we shall be there. We have heard enough about this place to know no more about it than we do. We want to see. We hope to see.

A naval recruit in this city must now go back and face a court martial. He was on a thirty day leave of absence, during which time he got married and was so thoroughly enjoying the honeymoon that he forgot all about the great American navy. We hope he will be pardoned

It is reported that John D. Rockefeller is seriously ill from brooding over adverse criticism. It is not at all probable that he will be so deeply affected by it as to cause him to discontinue his tactics of public plunder.

A rabbit foot won't bring luck half so quickly as honest and constant industry.

By the will of the late Edwin Elbert of Georgetown, Conn., $10,000 is left to the trustees of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.

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before the expiration of President Roosevelt's term he will be advanced to the post of Chief Justice. The colored people admire Judge Taft. He is a jurist of fine instincts—broad, liberal, and in no way affected by the anti-Negro wave that seems to be sweeping all before it in this country. His keen sense of justice and lofty conception of the duty of man to man, regardless of caste, color or condition, was most happily shown in his magnanimous treatment of the Filipino people during his eminently satisfactory administration as Governor General at Manila. He rendered civilization a distinct service in winning the confidence of the natives and bringing them to believe in the good intentions of the American government, and it was a burning shame that much of the effect of his generous policy was destroyed by the knuckle-close folly of his Tennesseean successor. No class of appointments are more jealously watched by the intelligent Negroes than those to the court of last resort, for upon the fair and impartial decisions of the Supreme bench the race must almost wholly depend for the downfall of the infamies that the prejudice of certain States have fastened upon the statute books in the guise of "laws." Judge Taft's presence upon the bench will go far toward restoring the waning confidence of the Negro in the possibility of getting a square deal for a black pleader before that tribunal. We feel sure that "Justice Taft" will prove a fitting companion-in-arms to that other incorruptible friend of right, Justice John Marshall Harlan. President Roosevelt strengthens his administration by elevating such men as his loyal Secretary of War to such exalted positions, and it is sincerely hoped he will accept when he can safely trust his present work to other hands.

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The contested election case of Aaron P. Prioleau vs. George S. Legare, from the First Congressional District of South Carolina, for a seat in the National House of Representatives, has been argued before the election committee No. 1, of which Hon. J. R. Mann, of Illinois, is chairman. The preliminary statement of teh case was made by Attorney Joseph H. Stewart, an able colored lawyer, and the concluding presentation will be argued by ex-Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska. From the record in the case and the evidence produced by the affidavits, together with those who were permitted to vote, the total number of ballots cast was 14,663, of which the contestee, Legare, received 6,068, giving Prioleau a clear majority of 8,595 votes, which unquestionably entitles him to a seat in the House. The action of the committee is problematical, as it is very difficult to persuade any kind of a body of Republicans to unseat a contestant of their own color, no matte rhow rank a Democrat he may be, or how flagrant a case of fraud may be made out against him, especially if the Republican majority in the legislative body be of safe proportions. If Prioleau is granted the seat, which is clearly his by every consideration of right and justice, the colored people of the country will be both gratified and surprised. The truth of the whole matter is that the remedy for disfranchisement is not reduction of representation, with tacit consent to continue the work of disfranchisement. The correct and effective way to get at the robbers is to rigidly enforce the Fifteenth Amendment, and to promptly unseat every Southern Congressman who comes to Washington bearing a certificate of election which credible evidence indicates was acquired by fraud. Let the committees on elections demonstrate that they will stand no foolishness, and a change will come at once. The House is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members, and if it is definitely proven that any claimant's election is tainted with fraud there should be no delay in turning him out, and thus uphold the honor and dignity of the nation's popular assembly.

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In this connection, let me add, that certain moralists are making a lot of fuss about the presence of Reed Smoot in the United States Senate, allegeing that he is a Mormon, and if not an actual polygamist, he is in sympathy with the practice. Mormonism is a bad thing for any country, and it ought to be suppressed in defense of public decency, but there are dangers far more serious than a few plural marriages by a handful of religious fanatics in an out-of-the-way region that threaten the very warp and woof of this Republic of ours. Mob violence, for which no redress can be found, wholesale disfranchisement of citizens, which no court can reach, race hatred in the commonest activities of daily life, the denial of accommodations by holders of public licenses, in defiance of municipal law, jim crow cars and jim crow houses for respectable Negroes, and the narrowing of industrial, political and intellectual opportunity when the black man applies—all these infringements upon the organic structure of the Federal Constitution ought to be of infinitely greater concern to the moralists of the nation than the mere fact that one Smoot, whose offense is simply that he holds outlawed religious views, sits almost unnoticed somewhere in the rear of the Senate chamber. Yet not less than twenty Senators and forty members of the House of Representatives occupy seats in the Congress of the United States with less warrant than Smoot, and whose influence is ten times more subversive of good government than his—and these same moralists have nothing to say. Mormonism is bad, but so is victory at the ballot box by criminal methods. If Smoot must go, upon what hypothesis is Tillman and his crowd to remain?

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The twenty-fifth anniversary of Tuskegee Institute is to be the biggest event in the history of the school. Extensive preparations have been under way for months to make the celebration what it ought to be, and it will fairly outstrip all anticipations. The exhibits by the pupils, the historical treasures arranged by the faculty and the magnificent programme of song and story, covering three days, April 4, 5 and 6, constitute a feast of good things well worth traveling across the continent to see and enjoy. Dr. Washington has assurances from many notable speakers that they will be present and deliver addresses. Some of the best known personages who have accepted invitations are Andrew Carnegie, President Charles W. Elliot of Harvard University, Secretary of War W. H. Taft, Robert C. Ogden, president of the Southern Education Board, Hon. Seth Low, ex-mayor of New York, and a score of others, representing the best thought and character of both races.

R. W. THOMPSON.

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found of the black man's capacity—where it is most stubbornly denied and bitterly denied—in the highest lines of constructive and administrative endeavor; it renders its most distinguished service, reaches the highest place, invest with new character and places under tribute of obligation every man, woman and child of ten millions of people and their children's children to remotest time.

All of this is so eminently and obviously true that you will agree with it as soon as it is said.

As a natural consequence of your patriotic race, pride and normal capacity (for emulation) you have shared the widespread—unvoiced and voiceless—regret, that all this is immeasurably beyond your poor ability to forward or assist. But just as it's decreed that no man lives for himself alone, so it's decreed that unlimited capacity and overshadowing genius cannot accomplish all.

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It is proposed, therefore, that you contribute twenty cents as your part of a grand total of TWO MILLION DOLLARS, to be contributed to—in like manner and amount—by every Negro man, woman and child in the United States for the creation of a fund in perpetuity for the endowment of the Tuskegee Institute.

The results that will flow from this consummation are grand almost beyond the telling, and in their contemplation you may well pause in justifiable pride. It will be the reason and the occasion for enlisting the united efforts of our entire people in a spontaneous and common purpose in spontaneous and common accord. And the complex foundation comprehended under the name of "Tuskegee" will be in fact what it always has been in effect: a common heritage and a common claim.

Thus touched, appealed to and quickened, race spirit, race pride, race solidarity and race efficiency, will receive an impetus never before dreamed of because never possible until now. And the spirit of confident self-reliance springing from the contemplation of the potential power of united effort will be a new force in the life of the people that may well inspire prophetic eyes to descry the happy tomorrow when those who have lived within the shadows will stand without the veil. But all of this sinks into insignificance in the presence of the primal and consummate result: it will relieve Mr. Washington of the hurculean and

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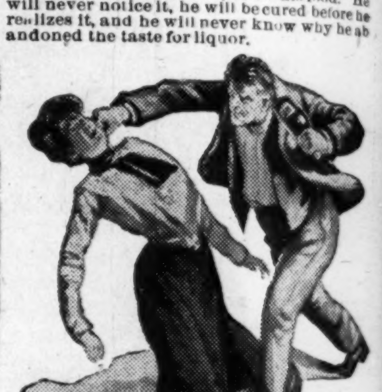

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The Stage

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The Jolly Prices are playing at the Empire Theatre, San Francisco, Cal., and are meeting with much success.

Proctor's Arkansaw Minstrels played to S. R. O. at Vicksburg, Miss. The Beechums and C. W. Bee Bee have joined them.

J. Wesley Jones, who has the making of a clever comedian left Indianapolis last Saturday for Jacksonville, Fla., to join Pat Chappell's forces.

Black & Jones in their new act are making a hit in the East and are booked by Freeman Bernstein of the Pacific Coast Amusement Company solid to April 30.

Bauscher Plantation Minstrel has a few more weeks in Mississippi and will then go into Tennessee. Bruce and Henderson send regards to W. M. Moore and the Mitchells.

Easter Sunday, the Zantolas, Logan and Ellen will make their first appearance of the open air season at Manitou Park, doing their famous aerial bicycle act, an entirey new presentation. They are arranging to ride on a cable at night across Niagara Falls, with electric lights and fireworks.

The new Pekin Theatre will open March 31. "The Man from Bam" will appear in all star cast for the first time. Robert Motts, the proprietor and manager has completed his pretty new playhouse and everything will be in gorgeous array for the entertainment of the theatre-going public. This Chicago house is owned by colored promoters.

The Whitman Sisters and Little Willie are appearing in New York City under the musical and business direction of Will Marion Cook, one of America's greatest composers. The Sisters are featuring Southern melodies and plantation melodies with banjo accompaniment, which they play with skill. They filled an engagement at the Waldorf Astoria March 8, before distinguished guests. On March 12 they appeared at Mt. Olivet Baptist church which was packed to the doors. They are stopping at 156 West Sixty-second street.

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Grows not more fair than she,
The lark singing in the hedge
Sounds not more sweet to me,
Than when she sings to us "The Palms"
How our hearts throb and swell,
We rise and stare and shout in the air,
"Vive La Belle!"

—CHARLES MARSHALL.

ERNEST HOGAN GOES WEST.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

After playing to crowded houses in New York, Boston and Philadelphia, Mr. Ernest Hogan and his all star cast and compans, kept shady only by the high noon sunshine of Hogan's glimmer, have gone to re-capture the West. Among the supporting players who come in for special mention, first of all, is Anna Cook Pankey, the most remarkable singer of the season, who is now heard to great advantage in the "Voodoo King" a new musical ensemble which opens the second act, lyrics by J. Ed. Green and music by H. Lawrence Freeman. Again it may be said that in point of merit as a composer, Mr. Freeman is easily entitled to a rank equal to any of the best of any race born in America.

Among other great singers are Alice Mackey, the peerless contralto and leading lady soubret, Henry Troy, the goldfinch tenor and Georgia Mickey, a genuine alto singer, who equals any baritone. There are two other leading ladies, Mamie Emerson and Carita Day, both of whom much can always be expected as comedy actresses. Muriel Ringold, queen of buck dancers and Sarah Green, who now holds a place among great singers, who renders "Kentucky Home" in which James Worles the tenor so ably assists are potent features. The leading actors comprise Harry Gillam, the marvelous tramp actor; J Ed. Green, a very capable legitimate actor, Anthony D. Byrd, a versatile stage "mammy," J. Lubrie Hill, another talented actor Will Wilkins, Theodore Pankey, who by the way plays "mule" as well as "bell boy" and Harry Fidler, who is good as the hotel porter. J. F. Moores, a splendid baritone singer completes the male list.

The chorus of this company is now perfect in every particular is also worthy of mention. Complimentary of Ernest Hogan who now shines so bright in his artistic ascendency that criticism can scarcely reach him, it can be said that he has succeeded in holding his audience to a "top-notch" pitch of laughter for every moment he has lingered unexcusably over ime upon the stage. His unconscious tendency to everdo, is only forgiven by the efforts he now makes to eliminate his scenes by the painstaking assistance of J. Ed. Green, his leading man. Now, if Mr Hogan is to hold his advancing position and its valuable requirements to the legitimate standard maintained by Cole & Johnson, Williams & Walker, he will be guided as the two latter comedians have been, by the most exacting critic and truest friend the actors of his race and time will ever know. Mr. Hogan's greatest song hit is "Oh, Wouldn't That Be a Dream." The West is cordially invited to hear Hogan's dream and see what's in it.

RECEIVED SUPPLEMENT.

"I always like to look at the funny pages of the Sunday papers," said F. E Freeman, who is advance agent for "Rufus Rastus," "and always have them sent up to my room of the hotel wherever I may be stopping. In Columbus last week I was up early Sunday morning and, wishing to look over the papers, I rang for the 'bellhop' and I told him to get me two or three papers with the colored supplement. Can you imagine what a hit it made with me a fewminutes later when he returned with a couple of papers devoid of any funny sheet and when I asked him where the colored supplement was, he handed me a copy of the Indianapolis Freeman?"

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heart-breaking burden of making good a hundred thousan dollar deficit every year. A burden, the weight of which is known only to him and God. But born for years with a capacity and fortitude so characteristic and uncomplaining as to almost escape attention! But what is even of infinitely greater moment: it will give to Tuskegee in particular and the world-wide scheme of industrial education in general a still richer endowment—his unrestricted activity at the zenith of his power.

To render such a service to merit and greatness and the advancement of mankind is a privilege and mark of distinguished favor worthy to make any people seem the chosen of the Lord.

And yet (at the risk of repetition) still, THIS ISN'T ALL! Vast historical events are approximating. Tuskegee is approaching the completion of a period of her history which will usher in an occasion fraught with epochal events—HER SILVER JUBILEE! A few short weeks and she will be the Mecca toward which some of the representatives will journey and the point on which the eyes of the constructive scholarship of the world will focus. Then verily, we will be on trial! The pertinent question will be, what is the Negro, out of the fullness of his sense of manhood-obligation doing, not only to make this, his most effective defense argument secure, but to make it effective to the limit of power?

Profound and comprehensive conclusions will wait on that era-making hour. Points of view will be readjusted and new criteria declared. For, unmoved by cant or affected by fevor, but calm, critical and self-sufficient, trained intelligence will sit in judgment and the controversy born of the stewardship of centuries, big as the future and far-reaching as the life of the nation will be submitted to the adjudication of things accomplished—the invincible arbitrament of the accomplished fact. These the indisputable claims of a people's promise!

A tenebrious past will be the foil to a luminous future. The clamorous claims of nine generations will be appraised at a sitting and the travail of a people compressed into the history of a day.

The opportunity here presented for self-vindication and assertion would mark the beginning of an epoch for the people of any age. Will we "take it at the flood?" The past calls to us from out the receding shadows, from the lurid din the present admonishes us by our sacred guardianship of the future and clamoring from the ancient heights of their integrity, manhood and honor will not be denied.

The supreme hour is here! Every sentiment and impulse calls to action!

And just here, what was attempted to be touched upon earlier in this appeal is presented with sudden and striking force, viz.: the multiphase and many sided activities through which Tuskegee touches the life of the people. For what could be more efficiently opportune and convincingly effective a guarantee of the business features and the effective handling of the natural great business problems of this plan than the National Negro Business League? That almost monumenta l sign of incidental Tuskegeean activity! Its creation and meeting in national convention for a number of years seem now an almost providential anticipation of this plan, and reasserts with striking emphasis the prescience of its source. Perhaps no amount of effort expended solely for the purpose could have supplied an instrument so happily suited in its quality and nature to the end for which it was made.

(It was earnestly attempted as it was (then seen to be) eminently opportune to bring this before the last national convention in New York; but the two prominent delegates chosen for the purpose—Ataorney S. L. Williams, Chicago, and Ed T. Thomas Fortune, New York—did not see fit to act.)

The leading features of the plan are: The fund is to be called "The National Negro Do-Something Fund." Any person of known character and trustworthiness will be eligible for duty in a given territory—territory to be definitely defined.

In a town or city, to be between the boundaries of given streets. In the country a village is to be a center from which to reach definitely named families living in every direction around.

To give local color and create healthy rivalry each territory is to be called "A Do-Something Circle," and each person in that territory "a circler." It is expected from the nature of the case children will be found effective persons for the work.

Incidental expenses, such as the transmission of moneys to indicated repositories, etc., will be borne by the persons indicated for that duty, and patriotism and interest are relied upon to make it a willing sacrifice.

Some reliable bank, preferably the True Reformers of Richmond, Va., will be the "clearing house" through which the various banks (to be named) will transfer their holdings to the trustees of Tuskegee.

The plan is sound, not only because it is feasible, but eminently more so because it is obligatory and just.

My people, rise to the call of the hour! Transmit to posterity the priceless heritage—the blazing example of those who did their full duty in their day and generation! And these steadied and sustained by the sentiments worthy men always entertain for an honored ancestry, will in their turn, with eyes to the front and facing the future, stand ready to meet whatever may betide. Yours, fraternally,

WM. F. WRIGHT,
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LADIES' LIST.

Beecham, Mrs Biache	Robinson, Miss Lydia
Howard, Mrs Eddie	Robeson, Miss Ada
Johnson, Miss M E	Smith, Mrs Eliza
Moore, Mrs Fortes	Teinte, Mrs Bard
Ogden, Miss Helen—2	Yeres, Miss O O

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Armstrong, Thos	La She, Herbert
Blumer, Robt	Looney, E J
Castry, Frank	Moody and James
Douglas, J R	Pote, R Roy
Davis, S	Payton, Harry
Davis, Sam	Parker, Chas R
Devine, Isaac P	Reed, Edward
Dickson, W Thomas	Swan, Geo A
Elliotte, E J	Sweatman, Wilbur
Elliott, Foy	Thomas, Dick
Goodlow, Will—2	The Pauls
Goodlow, Will	Watis, Billy
Howard, E L	Wis, James
Howard, Eddie	Wise Jim
Henderson, Chas	White, Capt B Y
Hatch, Joe	Williams and Devine
Ister, Arthur	Wood, F B 2
Jones, Simon	Williams, John—2

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A Rabbit's Foot Co.: Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 22 to April 2.

Billy Kersands' Minstrels: Wheeling, W. Va, March 26, 27, 28; New Cornerstown, O., 29; Coshocton, 30.

Black Patti Troubadours: Grand Rapids, Mich., March 25 to 28; Kalamazoo, 29; Battle Creek, 30; Jackson, 31.

Ernest Hogan in Rufus Rastus: Chicago, Ill, March 25 to 31, Academy of Music.

Smart Set Company: Baltimore, Md., week of March 26

Harry A. Brown, Singing Cartoonist: Park Theater, Erie, Pa., week of March 26.

Frank A. Mahara's Minstrels: Lyons, Kas., March 27

Hot Time In Coontown: Bryan, O., March 24.

Georgia Minstrels: Kiowa, Kans., March 26; Medicine Lodge, 27; Harper, 28; Conway Springs, 29.

Black and Jones: Orpheum Theater, Brooklyn, N. Y, week of March 26.

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Genuine expression of brotherly love and good feeling were found on every side, and there was doubt of their sincerity. Bro. Bates was an admirable master of ceremonies. The program for the evening was as follows: Warren Snead, king of legerdemain, gave a whole show in mysterious tricoks; piano solo, by Thomas Lemonier; dramatic reading, Carle B. Cooke: tenor solo, "Consolation," Edward Grey a patriotic anthust by Frederick Redgley, word of cheer by William H. Ward, of Keystone Lodge, of Washington, Pa; comic stories by J Ed Green and a song "Goodnight Beloved" sung by Mr. Baker, baritone, assisted by chorus support of Mr. Pierce and others. Anthony Byrd, traveling deputy of the Elks of the world complimented the lodge on their good work and urged them to continue. Mr. Hogan responded to the ovation in his usual happy manner. He sung several of his famous new song hits, and fairly intoxicated his listeners with his great creation "Is Everybody Happy?" which has become a household phrase in the East

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Mrs. Laura Gillam who has been ill for several weeks at her apartments in West 134th street, have returned to her home in Wells, Minn.

CARLE BROWNE COOKE.

RUFUS RASTUS VISITS SMART SET COMPANY

Many of the members of the Smart Set Company came over to visit the Ernest H gan Company during their engagement at the Bijou Theatre and quite a number were at the ferry to see their friends off Sunday afternoon when the big extravaganza left for Altvona, Pa, where they played a one night engagement at the Mishler's New Grand Theatre. The show played at Connelsville the following Tuesday evening and at Akron, O, Wednesday night The latter half of last week at Columbus Miss Nellie Danov was taken slightly ill at Altona. Nearly all the Rufus Rastua Company attended the matinee performance of the Smart Set Company at the Murray Hill Theatre in New York City and all were delighted.

The work of Messrs Sherman, Dudley, A Gillam and John Bailey were especially enjoyed and commended Marion Henry Smart is still holding her laurels as the leading female performer of the clever aggregation. *It is* stated by several critics that if the Smart Set had a better leading straight man, a stronger finale and a great deal more enthusiasm shown by the performers in some of the supposedly humorous situations The show would be really a great musical production. As it is, it is quite good. Surely if everyone worked as sincerely as Mr. Dudley the star and some others, the show would be hard to beat However it is gratifying to note that the Smart Set has come again to bow to the Metropolitan patrons and has been really appreciated and commended. Let the good work go on and possibly within the next five years it is hoped that our leading performers such as Bert Williams, Ernest Hogan, Bob Cole, Sherman Dudley, George Walker, George Walker, Rosamond Johnson and other able artists like Harry Gillam, J Ed Green, Joe Britton, Charlie Johnson and George Cooper can form some theatrical organization with a fair working capital to secure or lease a theatre for a term of years for the use of our playwrights and players. It is surely high time that something toward this end was done. I shall continue to work in my humble way taward the success of the enterprise· What will the big ones be willing and decide to do?

Kansas City Stage Notes

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Hot Time In Coontown Notes.

We had the pleasure while en route to Zanesville, O, Thursday, March 15. of meeting the Rufus Rastus Company They were en route to Columbus and our car coupled on to the train which they were on about 6 a m. As soon as we were discovered by them they invaded our car while we were sleeping, an in about one minute everybody was up and dressed. Then the customary handshaking and "kidding" took place. When all old friends were found, we then talked over old times and our band went to the coach where the Rufus Rastus Company were and played several pieces to the delignt of everyone· Ernest Hogan visited our car and we enjoyed his presence as he is the same good fellow as of old Harry Gillam also came in and added to the pleasure A general good time and rejoicing prevailed until the parting came The ladies quartet of the Rufus Rastus show sung "Old Kentucky Home" and when the voices of the entire shows combined on the chorus, they could be heard three miles. The parting was sad and when our car was cut off at Mt, Vernon, the people sighed and even tears came to the eyes. The meeting of the shows was like a ray of sunshine in a storm. We are still doing the same excellent business that is characteristic with this show. Our band is the talk of every town as are the beautiful stage settings and scenery. Our cast is unchanged; A. A. Copeland doing Manager Slickem; Quali Clark, principal comedian; Leah Clark, prima donna, with Queen Dora in her famous serpentine dances and John English with his hoops in the olio: Count De Robeo with his comedy unicycle act and his character of Sena tor Restrasy is also a very clever addition. A. A. Copeland is writing several new songs which are out of the ordinary and are very original and will be published very soon. He sends best regards to the Rufus Rastus Company. Count De Robeo sends regards to *th* same company and also to the Frank L. Mahara show.

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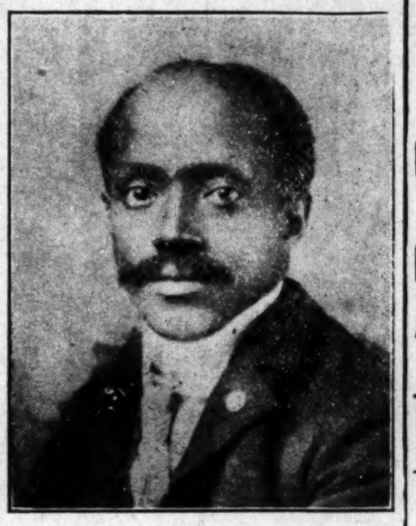

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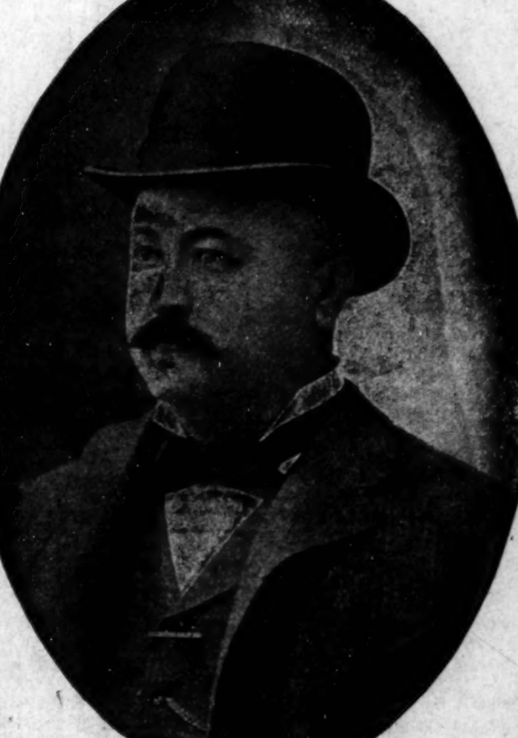

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Muskogee, I. T., has a Negro daily called "The Searchlight." It recently celebrated the first anniversary of its existence.

The People's Shoe Store is a new venture by Afro-Americans at Memphis, Tenn., opening last month under the management of Thomas B. Harper, a graduate of Atlanta University, class of '05.

A big steel plant at West Seneca, N. Y., has been importing Negro labor, two car loads coming in from the South. The whites do not take kindly to the movement, and assert that further importations will cause a drop in realty values.

A new summer hotel for the accommonation of the Negro people is to be opened at South Haven, Mich., in May. John Connor, a wealthy colored farmer of Covert, Mich., is promoting the hotel scheme backed by Chicago and St. Louis capitalists.

Negroes with money have started to build a new town in Lamar county, Texas, near Red river, sixteen miles northeast of Paris, exclusively for members of their race. A tract of 250 acres of land has been bought, and the work of laying out the town site begun.

Monroe Nash, a white special laborer with clerical duties at the Norfolk, Va., navy yard, resigned his position recently because he did not like to work side by side with a Negro clerk, to whom he was required to pass his work. Nash's resignation was promptly accepted.

Rev. M. M. Ponton of Atlanta, Ga., field agent for the John C. Martin Educational Fund, has been appointed a member of the board of directors and general superintendent for the South The amount of money which Dr. Ponton helps to disburse is fully $3 000,000.

Principal Washington has arranged for J. W Work of Fisk University to come to Tuskegee prior to the anniversary celebration for the purpose of thoroughly rehearsing the students in the plantation melodies, a revival of which will be celebrated at the Institute during the week of the anniversary.

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C. J Jones, formerly of Greenville, Miss., a lawyer by profession, who located a year or so ago in Muskogee, Indian Territory, has purchased the entire town site of Chase for $4 000 Chase is eight miles east of Muskogee, and Mr. Jones hopes to make the place a great educational and industrial center for colored people.

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Dr. Booker Washington's article, "The Negro in Business," contributed to the American Illustrated Magazine (formerly Frank Leslie's Magazine) for January, has been put in pamphlet form by Fred R Moore, national organizer of the National Negro Business League, for wide distribution, and as a means of stimulating interest in the work committed to his care.

A notable feature of the coming quarto-centennial celebration at Tuskegee Institute will be a specially erected building, a counterpart of the old Zion church in which the school started twenty-five years ago. It will be located just south of the chapel, and in it will be placed a series of charts, dealing with various phases of Negro progress, which have been prepared by Mr. R. C. Bruce, also samples of work done by graduates, will find a place therein.

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The Awakening of Peter Halsey

By Pearl Howard Campbell

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THE mellow light of a Wisconsin September lay over Rock valley. In the orchards the apples were ripening and dropping one by one to heaps beneath the trees. The stubble lands, the low lying hills, dotted with clumps of trees, and the pastures had yet the rich greenness of the summer. But the subtle change that marks the coming of autumn was already beginning to manifest itself in the cornfields. The summer had been backward and cold; crops that should have been abundant were almost a failure.

Peter Halsey, sitting on the top rail of the dilapidated fence between the pasture and the cornfield, viewed the straggling stalks and the poor, undeveloped ears with a disgust which he made no effort to conceal. The crop, as usual, was a failure, but scattered thickly through the field were mammoth golden pumpkins that seemed to hold all the garnered rays of many a sunny day.

For Peter, dreamer and believer in scientific farming though he was, had followed the footsteps of his shiftless ancestors and planted his corn and pumpkins together. His more practical neighbors had long ceased to do this, claiming, what was quite true, that the pumpkins interfered with the thorough cultivation of the corn and that neither did as well. However, all theories fail in a bad season, and this year Peter's crop was abundant, while his neighbors had neither corn nor pumpkins.

Peter looked at them with a satisfied smile on his face.

"My, but there's a pile of punkins out there!" he mused. "Ain't they whoppers? Bet they ain't a punkin in the whole state of Wisconsin that can beat that biggest one of mine. And the pies—won't they be great, though?"

He smacked his lips in anticipation of the coming treat. Just then the Wescott children on their way to school began to sing as they passed the house:

"Peter, Peter, punkin eater,
Had a wife and couldn't keep her!"

"Drat them young uns!" Peter muttered savagely. "If I could catch 'em I'd give 'em a trouncing they'd remember for one while!"

The sight of Peter sitting on the fence of the pumpkin field suggested the last couplet, and they called mockingly:

"Better put her in a punkin shell,
Then you'll keep her very well."

Touched to the quick, he climbed wearily down from the fence and went to his work. The smile that softened his rugged features and made them almost beautiful was gone, and in its place was a look of heartrending woe, of a bitter grief that knew no resignation. In his momentary pride in his pumpkins he had forgotten the shadow that lay over his household.

The nonsensical nursery rhyme was true. Martha Halsey, who married him against the will of her parents, who prophesied that no good would ever come to a Halsey, and who had loved and believed in him for seven years, had suddenly decided to leave him and go back to her father's.

"It ain't any use, Peter," she had said. "I'm tired of working in doors and out trying to make a living, while

"PETER, PETER, PUNKIN EATER."

you fool away your time on experiments. In all the seven years I've been married I ain't never had nothing new but the calico dresses I bought with the egg money. And I'm sick of it!

"I want a decent house, and I want to live like other folks, go to meeting and have the sewing society to tea. I didn't believe pa when he said you was shiftless. I thought it was because you didn't have nobody to spruce you up and help you save. And I kept on hoping that things would be different after awhile, but they ain't. Not but what you've been kind to me, for you have."

Martha wiped away a tear and went on. "You've helped in the house and done everything except make a decent living. So I'm going home, and I shan't come back until you do something to support me."

He listened silently. It was all so true he could say nothing in reply. Martha hoped he would. If he had answered her sharply and made her angry it would not be half so hard to leave him. He watched her with a look of hopeless misery on his face as he tried to grasp the fact that she really meant to go away and not come back. In all the seven years of their married life she had never been away from home longer than two weeks, and he still looked back to it as the longest, loneliest fortnight he ever spent. How he could ever manage to drag out the dreary, hopeless years that lay before him he did not know.

He was so stunned by the blow that he made no effort to dissuade her from her purpose in the days that followed. He only said:

"You will wait until after the punkins are sold, won't you, Marty?"

And she answered with a flash of the old spirit that made her again the Martha of his courting days:

"No, Peter Halsey; I shan't. I'm going as soon as I get the house cleaned up."

At the close of a long hard day's work he came home to a silent house. There was no fire in the kitchen stove, but a tempting supper was arranged on the table. He tried to cheat himself into thinking that she was tired and had lain down to rest, so he went through the deserted rooms, calling softly:

"Oh, Marthy, you ain't really gone, are you?"

She had taken nothing save the remnants of her wedding finery and the poor clothes she had bought with her own hard earned money. A little workbasket he had given her on their first anniversary lay on the table and beside it a curl of golden hair clipped from the head of their only child and a worn little shoe, showing yet the creases made by the baby feet that long ago found out the pathway to the homeland.

Martha had kept these treasures with sacred care; but, knowing that she could give Peter no better proof of her lasting love, she had divided with him. He took them in his big rough hands and touched them with tender fingers. Then he sat down in her empty chair and sobbed aloud.

"O Lord," he whispered brokenly, "I thought it was hard enough when baby died, but now Marthy's gone it seems like I jest can't live without her."

That night and the day that followed were like a wretched nightmare to him. On the next his mind, made clear by suffering and loss of sleep, aroused from the torpor of grief and began to reassert itself. He surveyed the farm with the critical eyes of a stranger, realizing for the first time how badly everything about the place needed repairing. He noted the rickety fences, the tumbling outbuildings and the ruinous condition of the house and admitted the truth of Martha's accusations.

"I have been shiftless," he said to himself. "Days when I ought to have been at work in the fields I've fooled away my time reading or trying to hatch up some scheme to make money out o' nothing."

"It's good land, too," he went on, after a pause. "It ought to make a decent living for us two and give Marthy all the fixings she wants, but this year it ain't raised nothing but punkins and experiments."

His eyes twinkled, and in spite of the gravity of the situation he laughed as he counted up all the will-o'-the-wisps he had followed for seven years. There were the orchard, where he ruined the apple trees by grafting them with varieties which were not adapted to the climate, and the row of hardy peach trees that never even leaved out. Beyond them was the garden plot where he had tried to grow ever bearing strawberries, with a tangled thicket of wineberries flourishing in one corner.

"Darn things!" Peter muttered. "I paid $10 for them bushes, and I hain't never et a berry from 'em yet. And there's them white blackberries of mine and the orange flavored rhubarb. I wish I could get shet of the pesky stuff."

Last of all were the pumpkins. All the other experiments were wretched failures, but these had amply rewarded him for the time he had spent in cultivating them. He well remembered the sultry afternoon in July that he devoted to cross fertilizing the blossoms of the two varieties. The result was the new strain, larger, sweeter and firmer of flesh than either of its parents.

"I ought to make something out of those punkins," he said thoughtfully. "And if I don't I'll quit fooling with experiments and tend to farming. I will anyway and show Marthy I mean business."

He watched the pumpkins with jealous care, turning them to get all the sun and guarding them so vigilantly that the neighbors began to think his trouble had turned his head. He found time to do a great deal of cleaning up about the farm. He mended the fences and burned up the unsightly piles of rubbish until the place began to look tidy and well kept. It is true that there were days when he relapsed into his old bad habits, but for the most part he worked with tireless energy, longing eagerly for the time when he should bring Martha home again.

One day in the early fall he gathered his pumpkins, selecting the most perfect ones for exhibition at the county fair. The largest one of all was a rich golden yellow and so immense that it might easily have served for Cinderella's carriage.

"Bet this Jumbo of mine will weigh close to 200 pounds," he said as he lifted it carefully on to the scales.

"Must be I don't see straight," he added, "or, great Caesar, he weighs 250!"

A week later he loaded Jumbo, who proudly bore the inscription

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into the wagon with several others nearly as large and drove to the fair grounds. All day throngs of admiring spectators crowded into the agricultural building to see it. Beside the mammoth pumpkin the wonders of the hairless calf and the winged horse of the side shows faded into insignificance.

Housewives tapped its yellow rind as they speculated on i's flavor and wondered how many pies it would make. At night it proudly wore two ribbons, the blue of the first premium and a yellow one denoting that it had been awarded the special prize of $10 offered for the largest vegetable on exhibition.

Yet Peter was not satisfied, although he had been offered $50 for it by the envious side show man. Just before

"I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU HOME AGAIN."

the close of the fair a stranger entered the building and, passing by the displays of fruit and vegables, paused before Jumbo. He drew a tapeline from his pocket and carefully verified the measurements. Then he inspected the others of the group and tested the flavor and grain of the samples. And at last, well satisfied, he turned away.

"Are you the grower of the prize pumpkin?" he asked Peter some hours later.

"I reckon I am," Peter answered proudly. "That punkin was grown right there in the cornfield."

"I understand, of course," said the stranger slowly, "that the pumpkins on exhibition are the largest you have. Would you mind showing me the smallest you raised?"

Peter lit the lantern and led the way to the barn where they were stored.

"May I ask how you obtained the variety?"

"By cross fertilizing the blossoms," Peter replied. "It's the only one of my experiments that's been anything of a success."

"Yes," said the stranger, "it is a success, a very decided success. Indeed, I am authorized by the Imperial Seed company to offer you $5,000 for the seeds."

The lantern swayed in Peter's trembling hands, and a mist gathered in his eyes. Even in his wildest dreams he had never hoped for any such sum as this. Five thousand dollars—why, that was more than the farm was worth He could fix up the house and have Martha home for Thanksgiving. He turned away his face that the stranger might not see his joy as he answered:

"You may have the punkins on them terms."

The news that Peter had sold his pumpkins for $5,000 spread like wildfire over the country. Those who had seen Jumbo boasted of its size and beauty and began to refer to Peter, whom they had always called Shiftless Peter, as "Halsey, the Pumpkin King." The neighbors watched the improvements he made with envious eyes and whispered that sooner or later the money would all be squandered on foolish experiments.

But it wasn't, and one glad October day Peter drove through the russet fields to Martha's old home. She was sitting on the steps of her father's home eagerly watching the passersby. When she saw Peter she sprang to her feet with a little low cry of joy and ran to meet him.

He took her in his strong arms and crushed her to him. For awhile neither cared for other speech than that of clasped hands and long, long kisses, but at last Peter said tenderly:

"I've come to take you home again, Marthy. I can't live without you nohow, but I've turned over a new leaf, and I'm going to do different than I have. Will you come and give your Shiftless Peter another chance?"

"Yes," she answered, and her face was as radiant with happiness as that of the girl he had wedded seven years before. "But, oh, I thought you would never come!"

Altered.

Mayor Dunne of Chicago is not without witty moments between worries over traction matters and an incompetent police force. He recently visited a strange barber shop, where the barber, failing to recognize him, was very talkative.

"Have you ever been here before?" he asked.

"Once," said the mayor.

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Dr C E Fossett, of Columbus, Ind., was a caller at The Freeman office Wednesday.

Bishop A Grant will be the speaker at the Y M C. A. Monster Meeting Sunday at Realty Hall. All men are welcome.

There will be an exhibit of manual work, March 30-31 at School No. 23. There will be no admission fee and the public is invited.

Miss Esther Mason, after an illness of several months died Tuesday. The funeral services were held Wednesday at the home of her parents in Middle street.

Mrs. Pratt, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the diocese of Indiana will add ess the women of St. Philips Mission Sunday. Baptismal services will also be held.

Some of the shining lights for the great Sumner League Minstrel, Dr. Joseph Ward, Wm. W Waldon. W. H. Jackson. Homer Lucas, Joseph H Broyles Major Gardiner, Emsirdell Stone, James Shelton, Charles Humble, Hayes Wilson, Irvin Hardy.

The two hundred members of the Sumner League will be seen to an advantage at Tomlinson Hall, March 26. Something doing from the moment the curtain swings upward. Stunts by the best people etc. The S. R. O. sign is expected very early in the proceedings.

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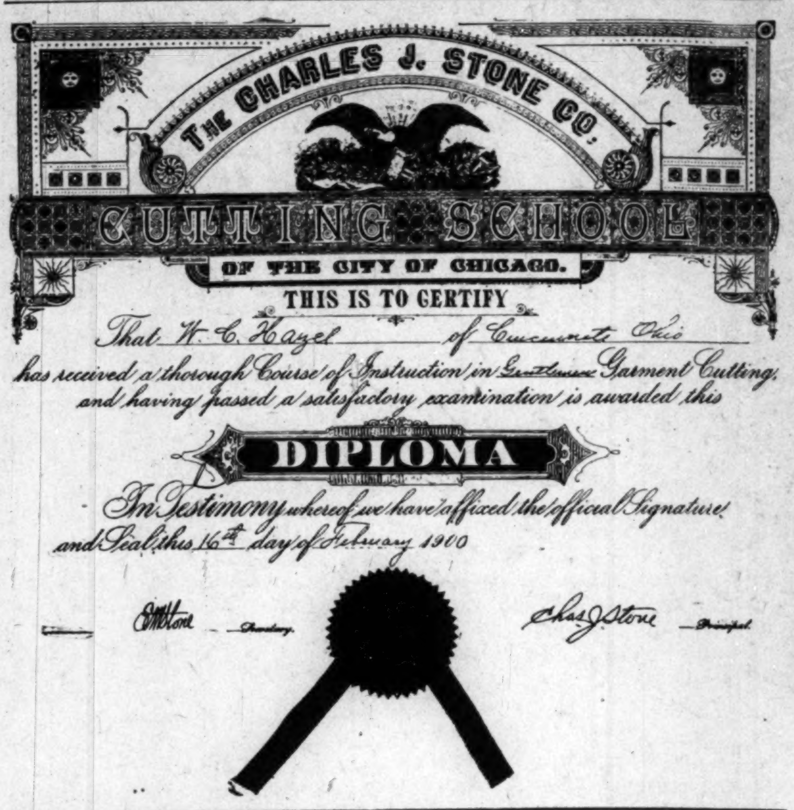

years and has had much success. Each year his business has increased 100 per cent, due to his strict adherence to one price and fair treatment to all regardless of color. Last Saturday he held his first grand opening His store was decorated with palms placed artistically around the room. Music was furnished by Harry Farley and partner, piano and drum. About 5,000 people were in attendance and five hundred up to-date patterns were displayed to good advantage.

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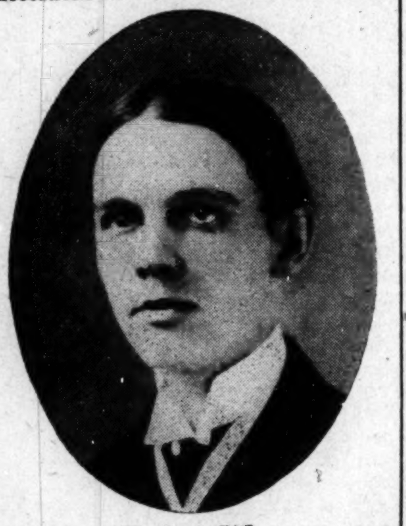
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THE SUMNER LEAGUE MINSTREL.

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Dr. G. A. Petersdorf, the South Side's candidate for coroner has been actively engaged in precinct and ward politics ever since he became of age He has resided in this city about twelve years, and has been a life long Republican. Dr. Petersdors is a graduate of the Medical College of Indiana being at present a member of its faculty and has the hearty endorsement of that body for coroner.

He is a member of the Marion Club a Red Man, a Modern Woodman and a Druid It is claimed for Dr Dr Petersdorf that his high standing, and the fact that he is endorsed by the majority of physicians of Marion County should be good assurances of his ability to faithfully discharge the duties of the office. Dr. Petersdorf should receive the nomination for Coroner of Marion County at the hands of the Republican Convention March 31.

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About one hundred leading Republican members of the Bar of this county have heartily endorsed the candidacy of Judge James M. Leathers for renomination as one of the Judges of the Superior Court. The lawyers who practice in his court assert that he has filled the position of judge with fairness and ability and that his renomination will add strength to the Republican ticket to be nominated March 31, 1906. Judge Leathers has been considerate, pains-taking and kind to all who appear in his court. It is believed that by reason of his experience on the bench he is now better qualified than ever before to give good service to the people of Marion county. Judge Leathers has not only presided on the bench with fairness, courtesy and ability, but he has always been a hard working, consistent Republican, serving at different times as precinct and ward committeeman in the organization of the Republican party. The strong endorsement received by Judge Leathers from the lawyers of this county should commend him to tho serious consideration of the delegates who will compose the nominating convention. Judge Leathers should be renominated and re-elected.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

SUPERIOR WISCONSIN.

J. Hudson, the second waiter at the Hotel Superior was called to Macon, Georgia, Tuesday of last week on account of the serious illness of his mother at that place.—E. W. Ewing is the representative of The Freeman and has returned from St. Mary's Hospital where he underwent a serious but successful operation.

KNOXVILLE TENNESSEE.

Miss Annete Deathridge has gone to Montana to make her home with her aunt.—The guessing contest at the Second Baptist Church was a very interesting affair. Mrs Suttle won the gold watch, having guessed within two grains the number of grains of coffee in the jar.—F W. Borders continues ill; Rev Carter has rheumatism. Miss Frances Grimes has returned to her home at Ashville, N. C Miss Nellie Clayton is able to be out again. The Athletic Base Ball Club will begin practice as soon as the weather permits Clubs wishing to arrange games can address F. W. Borders, 607 East Vine street.

DALLAS TEXAS

Preparations are being made for a colored library where books, magazines, and periodicals of the leading Negro race can be secured The ladies who are the promoters are leaving nothing undone to make it a success Everything is being done now to secure suitable grounds and buildings.—Miss McThompson of Waco sung at James' church Friday night of last week for the benefit of the building fund.—Mrs. Lottie Roberts returned to her home at Waco, after spending several weeks, the guest of Mrs. Chas Jackson in Flora street —W. F. Floyd died Tuesday of last week at his residence and was buried with Odd Fellow honors by Comet Lodge Wednesday A wife and neice survive him Revivals are doing much good work at the various churches.—The Dallas Express banquet was largely attended. The staff of officials received many congratulations for the great good that has come out of their masterly business methods,—At Majestic Hall Monday night comedy reigned supreme; good dancing, and singing that pleases, costumes that catch the people. The now famous Hudson Sisters and a combination of brilliant stars, Coleman, Patterson, Dixon, Barrett. Jones, Howard, Campbell, Resprey, Gentry, Campbell, Babby Edwards and others were gathered there —Jorner Minstrels of all stars will shine Monday night with the following clusters: Rucker, Jackson' Brown, Batisch Bros, Brooks, Williams Sanders, Howard and others.—The Jolly Pathfinders entertained at the home of their president Mrs Anna Starr Saturday evening from 8 to 11. The guests of honor were Miss M. C Thompson, Miss B. McNeil of Waco and Mrs. Jennie Tyree of San Antonio. Mrs Starr was assisted by Mrs. J G. Griffin Among those present were Mr and Mrs Latham, Mr and Mrs J. R. Jordan. Mr. and Mrs H. W. Scott, G A. Mays, E McCauley and George English. Music was rendered and toasts were gived to the club members. The evening was enjoyably spent.

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